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MORE SHIVERS COME BY CABLE

"Situation Serious." Wires Frank Thompson to Liquor Dealers' Hui.

ANTI PETITIONS STILL GOING

Merchants' Association Called to Discuss Home Rule on Monday Next.

"Throw out the lifeline" is the song being sung by the combined liquor interest chorus of Hawaii at the present time, this being induced by the repeated report from Washington that: "The situation is serious." John G. Woolley, backed by the temperance forces of the entire Union, bringing credentials from the Antisaloona League of Honolulu and his hand strengthened by scores of petitions and hundreds of letters from the Hawaiians, is making headway in his advocacy of the Johnson prohibition bill before the senate committee on Pacific Islands and the probability that the measure will become law and Hawaii will go dry is growing daily stronger.

Frank Thompson, of the firm of Thompson, Clemons & Wilder, now the retained representative at Washington of the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of Hawaii, is the one who persists in throwing the harpoon of alarm into the dealers. It was his cablegram a few days ago that brought home for the first time to the realization of the dealers the possibility of Woolley's work being taken seriously; it was his cablegram of yesterday, stating "Situation serious," that drove home the fact of the seriousness.

As a result, strong pressure is now being brought to bear upon the various commercial and political organizations by the liquor interests in the hope that resolutions protesting against the proposed prohibition legislation can be passed and forwarded to Washington as a bucking against the sentiment created by Woolley's addresses and the pre-prohibition petitions.

Politicians Sidestep.

Yesterday the Republican Executive Committee officials were asked to take some action, the inevitable response of the officers approached being: "Go and see J. P. Cooke; he's the chairman."

Merchants' Association.

The Merchants' Association members were implored to come to the rescue and at the request of ten members, as provided in the by-laws, President Waldron has called a special meeting. (Continued on Page Four.)

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SUPERVISORS SEE LIGHT FINALLY

Will Probably Repeal Posthole Tax Ordinance at Next Meeting.

The ordinance requiring a fifty-cent permit before the city streets may be dug up seems to be one of those artistic bits of legislation which are passed for the sole and express purpose of ornamenting the statute books. It is not being collected and there is a report that the county fathers are finding that passing the ordinance was a mighty lot easier than prying diggers loose from money. In fact there is a vague rumor to the effect that the ordinance may soon be repealed, or at least as much of it as relates to the collection of permit fees.

When the superintendent of public works notified the board some weeks ago that he had granted the gas company permission to lay a gas main, and when it was ascertained that, on the strength of the permit the company had gone to the work without consulting the county, there were those on the board who wanted the company arrested, placed on the grill and soaked good and plenty. Cooler counsel prevailed, however, and the company escaped.

At a recent meeting the superintendent of public works informed the board that he had granted the gas company another digging permit. The matter was placed in the hands of the road committee and last night that committee recommended that the county add its permission to that already granted by the superintendent of public works. The board promptly acquiesced but made no mention of any fees. In the mean time the company is digging.

That the road committee believes that the efforts at fee collecting have been a failure is evidenced by the following report which has been drawn up and will probably be presented at the next meeting:

"In regard to a petition from the Honolulu Gas Company, for a permit to dig up the streets which was referred to your committee on roads, bridges, garbage, parks and public improvements, we beg leave to report that after thoroughly investigating same and consulting the city and county attorney on the matter, we find that the Honolulu Gas Company, was granted a franchise by the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, the said franchise afterwards was amended in a few details, and passed by congress, which puts the superintendent of public works, the only one whom the Honolulu Gas Company, is responsible for.

"Under the existing conditions we would recommend that the street ordinance be amended, and repealed, that part which compels any one requiring a permit to pay a fifty-cent fee. That seems to be a bone of contention as the corporations seems to be exempt from paying that fee, we therefore think that it is an injustice to the poor man to compel him to pay a fifty-cent fee for each permit, while the big corporations go free. The gas company, is willing to apply for permit to the county, for each permit, put streets back in proper shape, and abide by the ordinance, but they refuse to pay that fifty-cent fee, we therefore recommend that it be repealed."

AGRICULTURAL BILL PASSES

WASHINGTON, February 3.—The agricultural bill, carrying an appropriation of \$1,317,136, was passed by the house of representatives today.

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cratic possibilities, the former having been officially endorsed by the Democratic central committee. Watson, in Washington at present, but his interests will be looked after by his friends at the bar.

Rawlins is a strong candidate and will have the backing of some of the leaders of the association. As assistant to R. W. Breckons he has made good.

An excellent switch on a moped transit car suddenly exploded yesterday morning, the automobile cut out and the driver, who had been riding on the bench, was thrown into the air and landed on the ground, falling upon his head. He was picked up and sent to the hospital in a hack.

An old man was picked up in Iwato yesterday in a drunken condition and sent to the hospital for treatment. There was a cut under his left eye and his upper lip was torn.

NEGRO GRACE CONFESSES CRIME

Gives Detailed Account of How He Killed Watchman Mahu at Watertown.

CRIME CAREFULLY PLANNED

Jealousy, Petty Quarrels, and Kahunaism Led to the Bloody Deed.

Anderson Grace has made a full and complete confession of his guilt of the murder of Mahu, the Watertown watchman. Yesterday afternoon, in the office of United States District Attorney Breckons and in the presence of Mr. Breckons, Marshal Hendry and High Sheriff Henry, Grace broke down and with wild sobs and groans and floods of tears, told the whole miserable story.

It is a squalid story of a squalid, cold-blooded and long premeditated murder. Grace confesses that he shot Mahu without warning and without giving his unfortunate victim any chance to defend himself, and that, after the watchman fell, he struck him three times on the head with the handle of a pickaxe and then fired two more shots into his body.

Grace's story is a wild mixture of bestial love and hate, jealousy, ill temper, petty quarrels over imaginary or real wrongs leading up finally to deliberately planned homicide. Of course, there is a woman in it, the woman in this case being Grace's wife, who has now confessed her knowledge of the fact that her husband is the man who killed Mahu.

Kahunas Involved.

The kahunas are also mixed up in the strange story told by Grace. According to what the negro says, Mahu had for a long time been trying to have him discharged as night watchman at Watertown. In addition to this, Grace believed that Mahu was paying undue attention to his wife, and also that, for some reason, Mahu was circulating tales calculated to damage the reputation of Mrs. Grace. Grace further thought that Mahu had in his employ a kahuna who was in some occult manner working evil to him (Grace). And to offset the spell that he feared was being put upon himself, Grace went and spent nearly all his money to hire an opposition kahuna to throw some evil spell upon Mahu.

Resolves on Murder.

But the negro's kahuna proved unsuccessful. Quarrel followed quarrel and finally Grace made up his mind to kill his enemy. Mahu's boat was over a mile distant from that which Grace walked, and Grace, in order to prevent his absence from his own beat being known, had to devise some means of having the key turned in the clock register at the proper intervals. This, however, was easily managed, for Grace simply got his wife to turn the key for him while he went off to murder Mahu. There were no preliminaries to the assassination. Grace merely waited until he saw Mahu approaching him and, without saying a word, stepped up and shot him.

Deep Mystery Cleared Up.

Grace's confession completely clears up what at one time promised to be one of the deepest mysteries in the criminal history of Hawaii. The confession was dragged from Grace by United States District Attorney Breckons after a great deal of hard and clever work. Breckons within a short time after the commission of the crime became thoroughly convinced that Grace was the murderer, and he quickly went about the negro a net of circumstantial evidence that was conclusive to his own mind but which might or might not have convicted Grace before a jury. The last thing, obviously, was to obtain his confession. (Continued on Page Three.)

QUARANTINE ISLE HOLDS COLUMBIAS

Boys Will Be Free on 17th, and Will Then Give Series of Concerts.

Major De Soto and his forty column boys are now on the island of Oahu, and are expected to be released on the 17th and will then give a series of concerts.

The boys will be released from quarantine on the 17th and will come across to the city, remaining here until the 25th, when they will give four musical performances, will take part in numerous athletic contests and will parade daily.

Incidentally the boys are anxious to play baseball and have issued a challenge to the best team in town.

KILLING BIRDS ON THE SIDE

This Is What Schlemmer Calls the Slaughter of Quarter Million of Laysan Goonies.

A GUARD FOR LAYSAN ISLAND

Thetis May Return to Waylay the Poaching Schooner and Get More Prisoners.

The probe of the United States government, in the form of the federal grand jury, will today start a very searching investigation of the Japanese poachers arrested on Laysan and Laysan islands for killing birds and stripping them of their valuable plumage. The investigation was under way yesterday, and preliminary plans are understood to have been laid toward commencing a most scrutinizing inquiry into the methods of the Japanese company organized for the purpose of destroying bird life on American islands. The fact that Max Schlemmer, a Honolulu man, not a Japanese, is connected with the matter, has given the grand jury an opportunity to ascertain just who is or are the "higher-ups."

Max Schlemmer, in an interview, made the statement yesterday that the men arrested were acting on the islands under his direction and that they were engaged in taking off the guano deposits, but incidentally, he says, they "may have killed a few birds." The few birds Max Schlemmer mentions number some several hundreds of thousands which they have destroyed in the course of a couple of years.

Schlemmer goes into a long statement in which he charges Governor Frear with being responsible for the present difficulty, stating that he was kept off the island by the Governor, until finally his lease was terminated. He said if he had been allowed to go to the islands the present situation would not have arisen. The fact remains, however, that Schlemmer's connection with the bird destroying operations has been well established, and that the men were not on the island looking for guano, but for bird wings and feathers.

Guard for Laysan.

The Thetis may shortly leave for Laysan and Laysan islands to intercept the Japanese schooner Tempo Maru, which was to have called for the poachers and their freight of wings and feathers this or the next month. The vessel is understood to be on the way from Japan to Laysan at the present time.

It is understood that recommendations will be made to the treasury department for permission to station revenue cutter men on Laysan Island for the next year, the squad to be in command of a non-commissioned or warrant officer. As the Thetis will probably make frequent cruises among the islands, the squads could be relieved frequently and properly looked after.

Tropical Snowstorm.

When the Thetis' men were ashore on Laysan and orders were being carried out to destroy a large amount of the feathers, the men came across one small building which was jammed full of feathers. They wondered just how they would destroy the stuff, and finally decided to remove the boards. The latter were removed and the wind did the rest. For a while the air was full of feathers and it looked as if a tropical snowstorm had visited the sandy island.

The feathers and wings landed from the Thetis are encased in gunnybags, each bag marked with Japanese characters, some of which are said to spell the name of a Paris importer of feathers. As the plunder was seized on an American island, there is no need for condemnation proceedings, and Marshal Hendry may receive instructions to sell the plumage at public auction.

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REWARDS ENEMIES OF ANTI-FOREIGN POLICY

Chinese Edict Announces the Awards for Officials.

PEKING, January 23.—An imperial edict was issued today announcing rewards for deserters of officials who opposed the anti-foreign policy in 1860 and restored order after the British and French invasion.

The treaty of Tientsin, arranged by Lord Elgin and Baron Gros, respectively English and French envoys of China, was signed in June, 1858. It provided for the exchange of the ratifications at Peking within a year from that date; but, when the time came for ratification, the British envoy on his way to Peking was stopped in the river Yellow Sea by a French fleet, and the ratifications were not exchanged until October 24, 1859.

IROQUOIS GOES TO COAST TODAY

Admiral's Order to Observe the Customs Regulations Is Obedied.

Before the Pacific fleet arrived at Honolulu a general order was wirelessly transmitted to the fleet, issued by Rear-Admiral Schree, in regard to smuggling. The order was advisory and advised every man in the fleet to observe the laws of the land. The result is that no customs officers are on guard at any of the gates, and it is generally felt among the higherups in the fleet that no one is taking advantage of the relaxation of customs surveillance.

Pennsylvania and Colorado.

On Sunday afternoon the cruisers Colorado and Pennsylvania, which are now anchored outside, will come into port, to be coaled. When they finish the entire fleet will have been coaled and the coal piles of the local station will need replenishing for the ten warships and supply ship have made an awfully big hole in the supply.

Leave Today at One.

The little station tug Iroquois, which has been on this station for many years, will leave today at one o'clock for Mare Island, conveyed by the cruisers Denver and Galveston. The Iroquois has been the only vessel permanently assigned to the Honolulu naval station. She has had hard work, and is now in need of a complete overhauling, which means the installation of new boilers. The Iroquois made many trips to Midway Island in the early days of the cable installation there. She was the pioneer in the work of surveying Pearl Harbor and preparing for the big dredging operations now under way. She has been sent out in search of lost vessels and has assisted in pulling stranded vessels off reefs. In fact she has been station tug, gunboat, revenue cutter, survey boat and occasionally has carried merry parties of guests of the commanding officer of the station. Ensign James will command the vessel on the trip to the coast.

Washington Is Clear.

The cruiser Washington was released from quarantine yesterday morning and left the quarantine wharf to give way to the S. S. Makura, which was placed in quarantine. The Washington men were mighty glad to be free again, although it means that they are at liberty to take on coal now, and that means that shore liberty is not yet due the sailors of that vessel.

CLEVELAND PASSENGER IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Customs Authorities Seize Large Quantity of Valuable Merchandise.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 3.—The customs authorities here made a seizure today from among the effects brought home by the round-the-world passengers in the German steamship Cleveland, Mrs. Edward Price, who was traveling with the party, had a large quantity of valuable goods that she had not declared in her manifest, and the authorities assumed that the intention was to smuggle it.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERERS

Charitable Donate Toward Relief of Paris' Homeless Flood Victims.

PARIS, February 3.—Nearly a million dollars has been received for expenditure on the relief of the distressed thousands of the city made homeless and put out of work by the floods.

PAULHAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Aeroplane Crashes Into Fence, but Aviator Escapes Unhurt.

DENVER, February 3.—Paulhan, the daring French aviator, had a narrow escape from death yesterday when he crashed into a fence in the course of a flight. The aviator was uninjured, but his plane was smashed to bits.

The records which Paulhan established during aviation week at Los Angeles has interested Denver people greatly in the risky Frenchman's feats yesterday were witnessed by a large crowd. As the airplane, shooting along near the ground, crashed into the fence, a cry of horror went up from the grandstand at looked as though the aviator could not escape death.

When Paulhan extricated himself from the wreck, which crashed, it was seen that he had escaped without a scratch.

SUBSIDY BILL NOT OUT OF WOODS

House Committee Reports Favorably by Very Precarious Margin.

INSURGENTS IN OPPOSITION

Greatest Danger Comes From Members From the Middle Western States.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—The shipping lobby is on the anxious seat concerning the probable fate of the ship subsidy bill. The committee on merchant marine yesterday reported the bill favorably to the house, but it is not out of the woods yet by any means. It was only by a margin of ten to seven that the bill was favorably reported.

The insurgents have thrown in their influence with the Democrats against subsidy, though their defection will be partially made up for by the votes of Hobson and a few of the southern Democrats who favor subsidy.

The great opposition to ship subsidy comes from the representatives from the middle States. These men form the backbone of the opposition and have in times past been responsible for the defeat of other bills calculated to assist in building up the American merchant marine.

In committee yesterday Congressman W. W. Wilson of Illinois and John P. Swasey of Maine, both Republicans, voted with the Democrats against subsidy. Hobson and Maynard were not present.

The fate of the subsidy bill rests with the house, the senate being reasonably safe once the bill reaches that body. The great danger is from the representatives of interior constituencies who have no interest in the merchant marine.

COMMITTEE FAVORS A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT

Panama Bill Is Favorably Reported to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—Senator Frank P. Flint of California, the chairman of the inter-oceanic canals committee, yesterday announced that his committee had decided to report favorably on the bill to provide a new form of government for the canal zone of Panama.

The house bill in question provides that the government of the canal zone shall be taken out of the hands of the commission and shall be vested entirely in the President.

SENATE TAKES A SLAP AT THE ADMINISTRATION

Turns Down Bill Sent in by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—The senate gave a slap at the administration today. A bill providing for the establishment of an insane asylum in Alaska, which had been sent to the senate by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, by direction of President Taft, was taken out of the hands of the committee which was considering it, on the ground that neither a member of the cabinet nor the President has a right to send a bill to the senate.

BALLINGER WILL HAVE COUNSEL AT HEARING

Engages Attorney to Look After His Interests Before Joint Committee.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger has obtained legal counsel to represent him at the hearing of the congressional investigation on the Glavis-Panama charges.

STEAMER IS SUNK.

HAMBURG, February 3.—The Swedish steamer Annie was sunk today by collision with the ship Sorburn. Six members of the crew were drowned.